

Lake McIntosh Groundbreaking to be held January 20, 2010

The Fayette County Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce the groundbreaking for the long-awaited construction of the Lake McIntosh Drinking Water Reservoir Project, a 650-acre reservoir to be located on Line Creek south of Highway 54 near Peachtree City.

Fayette County has sought to develop Lake McIntosh since 1977. Problems acquiring portions of the site, efforts to overcome objections from environmental and concerned citizens' groups and finally, compliance with complex state and federal regulations made the prospect of building Lake McIntosh seem uncertain at times. Because of delays and problems, Lake Kedron and Lake Horton, both drinking water reservoirs, have been built since work on the Lake McIntosh project was first initiated. McIntosh will become the third drinking water reservoir owned by the Fayette County Water System, which serves more than 27,000 customers.

The proposed reservoir will yield 10.4 millions gallons of water per day which will be processed at the Crosstown Water Treatment Plant in Peachtree City. A contract was recently awarded to Brad Cole Construction Company for construction of the dam and lake at a cost of \$8,233,255. Clearing of the site began in 2007. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources recently issued the final permit needed for construction of the dam, making way for the contractor to begin. Completion of the lake and dam is expected to take two years.

The site of the project was first identified as a possible lake site in the 1960's by developers who later abandoned the idea of building a lake when difficulties acquiring land were encountered.

A groundbreaking ceremony is planned for January 20, after which construction will begin.